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Applicant(s): P. Bonutti
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 POSITIONING AN ANCHOR MEMBER
 (as amended)

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 Examiner: G. Jackson

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-entitled application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet.

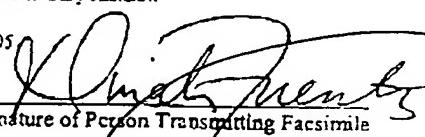
Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Response under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a) in that the amendments and remarks below place the application and claims in condition for allowance, or, at least, present the application in better form for appeal. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following are respectfully requested.

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appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Please charge any required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket No. 782-A02-012-3).

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